

REMARKS

This responds to the Office Action mailed on April 18, 2006.

Claims 1-3, 21-22, 28, 62-63, 68, 69, and 85 are amended, claims 4-5 are canceled, and no new claims are added; as a result, claims 1-3, 6, 8-9, 21-28, 62-69, and 85 are now pending in this application.

§102 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 1-6, 8-9, 21-28, 62-69 and 85 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) for anticipation by Win et al. (U.S. 6,453,353). Win et al. describes a system that gives a user access to authorized Web resources, based on the user's role in the organization that controls the Web resources. The information resources are stored on a protected web server. A user of a client or browser logs in to the system. A run-time module on the protected server receives the login request and intercepts all other requests by the client to use a resource. The run-time module connects to an access server that can determine whether a particular user is authentic and which resources the user is authorized to access. User information is associated with roles and functional groups of an organization to which the user belongs; the roles are associated with access privileges. The access server connects to a registry server that stores information about users, roles, functional groups, resources, and associations among them. The access server and registry server exchange encrypted information that authorized the user to use the resource. The user is presented with a customized web page showing only those resources that the user may access. (Win et al., Abstract).

In contrast to the presently claimed invention, Win et al. describes a user-interactive system and not a system or method using an access request including an API function call. Win et al. does not describe a system for prioritizing third party access to an online commerce site using an automated program. For example, one portion of Win et al. cited in the Office Action (col. 6, line 58) describes the process in Win et al. wherein, "...the user selects a resource, ...". Such user selection of a resource is clearly a user-interactive system and not an automated program using an access request including an API function call. In Win et al. at col. 6, lines 10-17, the Win et al. system is described as presenting a menu to the user from which the user

makes a selection for access to a resource. Again, the Win et al. system is therefore designed as a user-interactive system and not a system being accessed by an automated program using an access request including an API function call. In the present case, independent claims 1, 21, 62, and 85 have been amended to include the limitation of an API function call. As such these claims are distinguished from Win et al. Similarly, the related dependent claims are also distinguished from Win et al. Therefore, the Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) for anticipation by Win et al. has been overcome. The Applicants respectfully request allowance of the pending claims.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicants' attorney 408-406-4855 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

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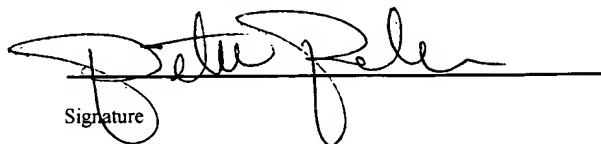
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